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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ, ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHEO.

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR MAKING ROSALYNNS VISIT TO LIMA ONE OF THE MOST PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE STOPS ON HER TRIP. YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 7 REINFORCED MY IMPRESSION OF HOW BENEFICIAL THE TALKS WERE. YOUR TALKS WITH HER COVERED THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES IN OUR RELATIONS. YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WERE MOST HOSPITABLE WHILE SHE WAS IN LIMA, AND, AS I AM SURE YOU KNOW, SHE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON WITH A VERY WARM FEELING FOR PERU.

ROSALYNN HAS, OF COURSE, REPORTED TO ME IN DEPTH ON THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR TALKS. I WAS MOST PLEASED TO NOTE THAT YOU DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF RESTRAINING ARMS PURCHASES

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AT SOME LENGTH. SHE CONVEYED TO ME YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE THAT YOUR COUNTRY'S INTENTIONS ARE PURELY PEACEFUL. THE CONCERNS OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, HOWEVER, ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING CONCRETE MEASURES TO DEMONSTRATE

THESE BENIGN INTENTIONS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR INTEREST IN ARMS RESTRAINT WILL SOON BECOME CLEARER TO OTHERS.

CERTAINLY, YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR GENERATING FURTHER
INTEREST IN THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO AND OTHER INITIA-
TIVES ARE MOST WELCOME.

I KNOW OF THE SEVERE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH PERU IS
FACING AT THE MOMENT AND OF YOUR DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME
THEM. I HOPE THAT THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED JUNE 10 TO
CORRECT THE SITUATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. WE WILL TRY TO
DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP.

FOR THE LONGER TERM, I HOPE THAT THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH BEGAN
IN PARIS AT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION, WILL CONTINUE.

I WAS ESPECIALLY GLAD TO HEAR ROSALYN'S REPORT OF HER
CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. WE AGREE ON
THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT, AND ON THE FACT IT HAS TWO
ASPECTS -- CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS. I LOOK FOR-
WARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RATIFYING
THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ROSALYN HAS
SHOWN ME A COPY OF THE PLAN TUPAC AMARU, WHICH YOU GENER-
OUSLY GAVE HER. YOUR PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDING THE PARTICI-
PATION OF YOUR PEOPLE IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE
OF YOUR COUNTRY ARE VERY ENCOURAGING.

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ROSALYN HAS ALSO REPORTED YOUR VERY KIND INVITATION FOR
ME TO VISIT PERU. I HOPE THAT BEFORE LONG I WILL BE ABLE
TO VISIT YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, ALL THE MORE SO BECAUSE
OF WHAT SHE HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE WARM PERUVIAN HOSPITAL-
ITY AND YOUR IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS TO BUILD A PROSPEROUS,
PEACEFUL NATION.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER

P.S. ROSALYN SENDS HER PERSONAL REGARDS. J.C. UNQUOTE

3. THE LETTER FROM MORALES BERMUDEZ FOLLOWS SEPTEL. VANCE

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